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Territorial Changes

Proposal for the amalgamation of the North Arcot and Chittoor districts.

* 107 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any proposal is under consideration regarding the amalgamation of the North Arcot district and Chittoor district; and if so, the nature of the proposal; and

(*b*) in what stage the above proposal is?

A.—(*a*) The possibility of abolishing the Chittoor district by restoring more or less the arrangements which existed before the district was formed is being examined.

(*b*) The Board of Revenue has reported its views, which are under the consideration of the Government.

Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar:—"May I know whether the reports of the Collectors of the districts and of the Board of Revenue will be placed on the table of the House or supplied to Members interested in the matter?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I shall consider the suggestion of the hon. Member."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"May I ask what the views of the Board of Revenue are?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I do not know; the report has just been received."

Mr. M. A. Manikkavelu Nayakar:—"Is the hon. Member aware that the Chittoor district is predominantly a Telugu district, that North Arcot is a Tamil district and that the amalgamation of these two districts will lead to lot of difficulties?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"The answer to the first part of the question is in the affirmative; the answer to the latter part is a matter of opinion."

Mr. Basheer Ahmed Sayeed:—"May I ask whether orders have been passed for the transfer of certain portions of the North Arcot district to South Arcot or whether the proposal is still under consideration?"

The hon. Sir Archibald Campbell:—"I am not aware of any such orders."

Local Self-Government

Finances of the Nandyal Municipality.

* 108 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the amount of profit or loss at which the Nandyal Municipality has been working during each of the last four years, and if it has been working at a loss, the measures taken to make the municipality limit its expenditure to the income?

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A.—The subjoined statement shows the surplus or deficit and the closing balance of the Nandyal Municipal Council during each of the four years ending with 1931–32:—

Year.	General Fund (Ordinary). Surplus or deficit in ordinary revenue.	General Fund (Ordinary). Closing balance on 31st March.	Elementary Education Fund. Surplus or deficit.	Elementary Education Fund. Closing balance on 31st March.
	RS.	RS.	RS.	RS.
1928–29 [1]	+ 10,065	+ 3,451	— 721	— 396
1929–30 [1]	+ 4,509	— 8,955	— 360	—1,335 [3]
1930–31 [1]	— 6,348	— 20,482	— 471	—1,806
1931–32 [2]	— 3,931	— 8,847	+ 1,906	+ 100

[1] Actuals.
[2] Revised estimate.
[3] Revised with reference to Provident Fund amount of teachers to be adjusted to the general fund.

Government have appointed a special officer to scrutinize the finances of local bodies. The special officer will shortly visit Kurnool district and will report on the finances of the Nandyal Municipal Council.

Religious and Charitable Endowments

Administration of the Kachankurichi temple.

* 109 *Q.*—B. Pocker Sahib Bahadur: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Hindu Religious Endowments Board has ever considered the question of bringing under the Hindu Religious Endowments Act the administration of the temple of Kachankurichi, Kollengode, Palghat;

(*b*) what is the annual income of the temple and who are the trustees; and

(*c*) why the temple has not been taken over by the Board yet?

A.—(*a*) The temple in question has been under the jurisdiction of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board ever since the inception of the Board.

(*b*) The income assessed by the Board for purposes of levy of contribution in fasli 1341 is Rs. 20,734. The trustees of the temple are—

(1) Raja Sir V. Vasudeva Raja, *Kt.*, C.I.E., M.L.A.
(2) M.R.Ry. Cherukunnath Krishnan Nambudripad Avargal.
(3) M.R.Ry. Cherumpatta Vasudevan Nambudri Avargal.

(*c*) The Act does not provide for the assumption by the Board of the management of temples.